

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gladys Guernsey was born on August 28, 1921, to Earle J. and Minnie V. (Warsing) Guernsey at Parker, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Gladys graduated from General Beadle College in Madison, South Dakota, at the age of 21 and taught at the Wellington Township one-room school house near Pumpkin Center, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Gladys married Robert Eli Jones and to that union two children were born: Howard Eli "Bud" and Carol Ann, and they moved to Pierre during the construction of the Oahe Dam, where Robert worked on the tunnels, and Gladys was employed with the State Legislative Research Council, the Public Utilities Commission, and the Department of Education's Secondary Education program; and,

Whereas, Following Robert's death in 1961, Gladys met Roe Gifford, they married in 1963, and continued to live, work and retire in Pierre; and,

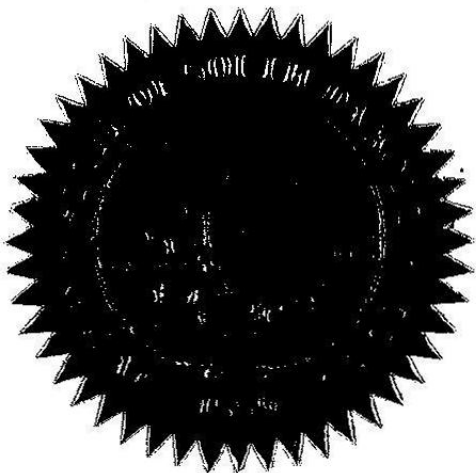
Whereas, Gladys was the ultimate volunteer dividing her time between the Trinity Episcopal Church, Eastern Star, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Cultural Heritage Center, and guided tours of the Capitol; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the governor of this great state to recognize the spirit of patriotism and volunteerism that Gladys built her life around:

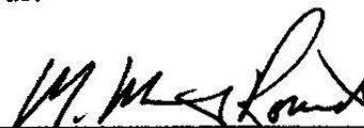
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2004, as

GLADYS GIFFORD DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in honoring and thanking Gladys for all she has given to her family, city, state, and nation.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State